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Mfume calls for full senate vote on Lee nomination

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Kwesi Mfume, President and C.E.O. of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) state last week, "The full U.S. Senate must be allowed to vote on Bill Lann Lee to respect our democratic process." Mr. Mfume raised great concerns regarding the Senate Judiciary Committee deadlock on the U.S. Department of Justice's nominee for Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.

Mr. Mfume reaffirmed the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States support for Bill Lann Lee, stating "Mr. Lee has proven himself immediately qualified for the position of Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights with over 20 years of civil rights protection and enforcement experience both as a litigator and a mediator."

Mr. Lee has an incredibly impressive track record in the areas of employment discrimination, disability rights, educational opportunity, housing enforcement, voting rights, gender discrimination and immigration-related employment practices." Mr. Mfume went on to state, "The will of the American people must be allowed to manifest itself in a full United States Senate vote on Bill Lann Lee. I strongly urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to vote this nominee to the floor for full Senate consideration without recommendation. This action will allow the democratic process of floor debate and a full Senate vote to determine this nominee's fate. We are convinced the majority will see him as we do and he will be confirmed."

NAACP accepts Rev. Henry Lyons's resignation

BALTIMORE—The Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP met Friday, November 14 at 5:00 p.m. EST. According to Myrtle Evers-Williams, the committee met to review a report from the association's General Counsel on an investigation of personal and legal conflicts involving four members of the Board of Directors.

After hearing the report, the Executive Committee voted to accept the resignation of Rev. Henry Lyons. The committee also voted to invoke an Article VII complaint in accordance with the NAACP's Constitutional procedures against Hazel Dukes. The Executive Committee authorized me to set a hearing for that complaint before the next board meeting.

Matters involving Board Members James Chase and Bobby Bivens are under review.

Whitman's Chief of Staff resigns, awaits judgeship nomination

TRENTON—Gov. Christie Whitman last Thursday accepted with regret the resignation of Chief of Staff Harriet Derman, who has served in three key jobs in the Whitman Administration for the past four years.

"Harriet Derman...has brought many talents and important experience as a lawyer and a legislator to her jobs in the executive branch. I was very pleased to appoint her first as a Community Affairs Commissioner, then as Chief Counsel and ultimately to utilize her administrative and organizational skills as my Chief of Staff," said Gov. Whitman. "Her performance was outstanding in all three posts."

Gov. Whitman revealed that she plans to nominate Derman to a Superior Court judgeship. "I am looking for more balance in my life so that I can spend more time with my family and friends," said Derman.

Remembering the Newark Riots

By g.r. mattox

Whether you want to call it a rebellion, a riot, or an insurrection everyone who lived in Newark in the summer of 1967 has their own memories of what went on in the street. These memories go over and beyond the statistics of 26 deaths, over 1,300 arrests and a little over 1,000 injured.

An auditorium full of these people came to recency in a miserable rain to mark 30th Anniversary of the Newark Riots at the first conference held by the newly-established Rutgers Institute of Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience.

The conference, *Memory and Newark—July 1967*, was hosted by Dr. Clement Price, the director of the Center. He said the Institute "seeks to illuminate an understanding of Ethnicity, and to bring a new knowledge about the social construction of race in America."

Norman Samuels, had literally started his first day as assistant professor of political science at Rutgers Newark that July, 30 years ago. Now Provost at that same campus, he had a very strong memory and impression the city where he has made his teaching career. He came up out of the Newark subway at Broad Street to see National Guard troops with full battle packs, half-tracks and trucks moving through the street.

Reflecting some of the feelings of those who were to follow him on the program, Samuel said that incident "shaped my life and history" and eventually put him together with Robert Curvin, who was then director of the Newark branch of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) when they co-chaired a committee to select the first director of the black studies department. "At the time of the riots, this was a white institution," he said. Noting that the leadership at the time could not connect the situation off-campus to what they did, he said that it was "a painful transformation, but a powerful transformation."

Keynote speaker Robert Curvin, is vice-president of communications at the Ford Foundation. His career as a activist and servant of the community has set a standard for the ideals of racial justice, participatory democracy and tolerance in one's public life. His explanation of the deterioration of the



A Newark Street on July 15, 1967 following the riots

Source: Newark public library

city's Central Ward was a little heart-breaking; his description of what it was like to be at the epicenter of a riot was rather terrifying. While it was a vibrant industrial city in the 1930's, Curvin said that from that period it

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One of the speakers at the Conference, "Newark and Memory," former Newark policeman James Nanon, left, shares a word with keynote speaker Robert Curvin, Vice-President of Communications at the Ford Foundation.

Howard Robinson, South Jersey radio personality, dies at age 71

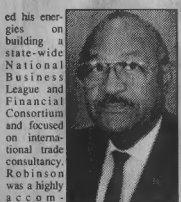
Howard T. Robinson, host of two radio station information shows, died in an automobile accident, on Saturday, November 8.

Robinson was the host of "In the Public Interest" and "Creative Entrepreneur." The one-hour shows aired Saturdays from 8 to 10 a.m. on WTHF-FM, 96.1 and 105.5 in Atlantic City, and were extended to WAJL in Orlando, FL.

Don Brooks, station manager for WTHF-FM, says Robinson will be greatly missed. Praise Robinson's work and the quality of his programs, he said both shows consistently ranked number 1 in their time slot. "But it was a greater loss to me personally. He was a friend. Howard Robinson was a great asset and resource to the community."

Robinson had an unusually diverse and distinguished career in both domestic and international affairs before working at the radio station. Beginning business activities following his retirement from the U.S. Government Services, he succeeded in launching and marketing a premium brand from Martique, and cognac brands from L'Esprit.

He organized L'Esprit Enterprises, Inc. in 1986. Today, it is selling products to local retailers and nine of the twelve casinos operating in Atlantic City. With the foregoing achievements well established, Robinson concentrated



Howard Robinson 1926-1997

ed his energies on building a state-wide National Business League and National Financial Consortium and focused on international trade consultancy. Robinson was a highly placed trade unionist early in his career, both nationally and internationally. He served as Deputy Counselor of Labor for the State of New York under Governor Averell Harriman, was the principal organizer and first Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus, and after serving as Congressional Liaison of the Congressional Black Caucus and after serving as Congressional Secretary for Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, capped a diplomatic career as U.S. Council and Chief of Mission for the French West Indies.

He is survived by one brother, two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Monmouth County employee wins discrimination suit

by Avery Grant

TRENTON—A black female employee successfully sued Monmouth County in United States District Court, Trenton, for discrimination in not hiring her for a full-time position.

Doris Smith, an employee in the county's Department of Human Services, 1984's her lawsuit that Albert Lundgren (her supervisor) had discriminated against her in not hiring her for a full-time position as a job training and employment counselor.

May 1994, and was later hired for the position in December 1994.

Recently, Smith was awarded \$33,500 "damages" the would have earned if hired in May; \$35,000 for pain, suffering and distress and all attorney fees and expenses.

Smith, who was working and had worked for other private agencies in similar capacities, initially sent a resume and letter to Monmouth County in August 1994 indicating an interest in a full-time position.

In April 1994, she went to the county's Red Bank office, to see if there was a position in the federally-funded Job Training Partnership Act program. She was interviewed by Lundgren, and told that she was qualified for a job training and employment counselor, but that no positions were available. Smith was told that there

would be some temporary summer jobs, and on May 3, 1994, she started working as a temporary summer youth employment counselor.

Smith submitted an application for a full-time position on May 2, and was told that it would be kept on file pending a position opening. Subsequently, a white female, whose application was dated May 13, started in a full-time position on May 23, and a Hispanic female, whose application was dated June 9, began in a fulltime position on July 11.

Both of these employees later resigned on September 14 and October 21, respectively. Smith, whose temporary employment had terminated on September 2, made several inquiries and visits to the office, and was finally hired for a fulltime position on December 2, 1994 under Lundgren's supervision.

Smith's attorney, Gregory S. Schaefer of the firm of Linda Kenney, Esq., said that Smith filed a discrimination complaint with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in March 1995, and working relations with Lundgren became even more difficult.

Lundgren was subsequently removed from his position because of a dispute with his supervisor. Smith's suit indicated that management was aware of Lundgren's racial issues, because two other black employees had filed EEOC complaints against him, previously.

Bloomberg/API African-American Index outperforms Dow and S&P

NEW YORK—Shareholders overwhelmingly voted in favor of management and Board of Directors at Carver Bancorp this summer. In September Bob Johnson, Chairman and CEO of Black Entertainment Television made a bid to buy back his company for \$288 million.

Both these companies happen to be run by African-American management teams. But that's not the only common theme behind these Wall Street success stories. What they really share is the distinction of being two of the best-run companies in the world.

These star performers and many others just like them are the driving force behind what used to be one of the best kept secrets in the financial markets. That is, of course, until Bloomberg

Financial Markets launched a partnership with Amalgamated Publishing to provide custom content to Black-owned stocks and mutual funds.

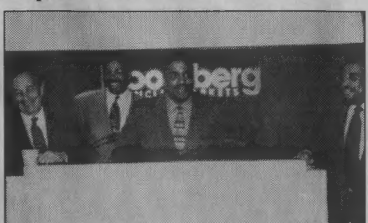
At Bloomberg directs its global spotlight to the African-American market, interest from mainstream investors is likely to heat up. The company has already launched a cobranded stock index and mutual fund benchmark with Amalgamated Publishing to track the performance of leading publicly traded companies and mutual funds that are owned and operated by African-Americans in the world.

"Bloomberg is well-positioned to establish itself as the benchmark for economic prosperity in this market," says Owen May, Chairman of the May Davis Group and the first African-American firm to take a company pub-

lic. "Anyone demanding further proof that this is no longer a niche play need only look at the performance of the API/Bloomberg Index."

The Index has outperformed the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 this year with price appreciation that nearly doubles the Dow and dwarfs the S&P by almost nine percentage points. Total returns for the first nine months of this year are averaging over 40 percent versus 22.29 and 32.23 for the Dow and S&P respectively.

"We have built a multi-billion dollar business providing the best information solution across all financial markets. The African-American segment is an emerging growth area that has become too significant to ignore," says founder and CEO Michael Bloomberg.



From left: Michael Bloomberg, Bloomberg Founder and CEO; Ernie Pitt, API Chairman of the board; Brian Waddy, Bloomberg Financial and Michael A. House, API President

Paterson, Plainfield and East Orange seat black mayors

By g.r. mattox

New Jersey's third-largest city, the second largest city in Essex County, and New Jersey's Queen city have one thing in common—their respective citizens have selected African-Americans to lead them as mayor.

With unity as his campaign theme, Marty Barnes soundly defeated opponent Joe "Joey" Torres to become Paterson's first Black mayor, gaining about 64 percent of the vote. Outspending Torres, Marty Barnes promise to bring the city's diverse ethnic groups together gained support from Arabic and Dominican communities, as well as the city's labor unions.

During the campaign, Barnes promised that under his administration residents would see a policeman every 15 minutes, by creating a two-tier patrol system consisting of the beat officers and the response team.

Barnes also emphasized that he is seeking ways to reduce property taxes, and proposed a one percent salary tax for people who work in Paterson, but don't live in the city.

Other plans the Barnes administration has for Paterson include a wage freeze for city workers, a tax freeze for senior citizens, and a partnership with the religious and business community to develop a city-wide recreation program. The businesses would provide the capital, the churches would provide the manpower, and the city would offer their facilities at no charge to the city.

Bob Bowser, thanked his challenger, independent Wayne Johnson, for helping him run a East Orange mayoral campaign that was free of name-calling and personal attacks. In a strongly democratic town, Bowser has been the unquestioned front-runner since his narrow defeat over Sheila Oliver in the June primary. As a life-long resident, his most important campaign promise, to bring back the stability that made East Orange one of the most livable cities in the country, is one he intends to keep.

The citizens who elected Bowser by a wide margin look to him to help resuscitate and revive a city in trouble because of high property taxes, high incidences of criminal activity, lack of recreation. He also seeks to broaden a tax base that has suffered a significant shrinkage in the past 10 years. Currently, of great concern to Bowser is the passing of the current municipal budget—which has already had two extensions. However, whatever the current administration will leave behind, "I am going to do my best to work with it."

The office of mayor in Plainfield is a part time position, and Al McWilliams had to defeat one Republican and three independents to get it. According to McWilliams, his administration seeks to unify a city council needed for its divisiveness, and to form better relations between local government officials and the school system. Currently a councilman-at-large in the city he will incorporate electronic surveillance techniques, as well as more police men, to stem the tide of crime in the city.

With McWilliams, of paramount importance is the city being designated as a "Special Needs District." Losing this designation has cost Plainfield \$10 million. For him, children need to be in school as much as possible. "With this money we can do summer school, after-school programs and full-day kindergarten. He also wants to develop a special course of instruction for pre-schoolers."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

NEWARK—A holiday shopping spree will be held at The Newark Museum from 12 noon to 7 p.m. For more info, call 973-586-6250.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library presents a "Poetry Night" for area poets, at 6:45 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month, except December. Poets and readers are welcome. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

WESTFIELD—A grant-writing workshop explaining guidelines and application for arts organizations and other non-profits will be held at 7 p.m., at the First Congregational Church. For more info, call 908-527-4746.

PISCATAWAY—Kids Komar TV show seeks kids for talent show, ages 7 - 14. Auditions will be held at the PCTC, the Piscataway Community Center between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more info, call 732-356-0382.

PATERSON—The Passaic County Historical Society presents the Holiday House Boutique Craftshow at Lambert Castle, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info, call 201-881-7261.

EAST ORANGE—East Orange Housing Authority sponsors "Career Development Week for Low Income Residents" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., through the 20th in the Arcadian Gardens Housing Development community room.

NEW YORK, NY—Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture presents a "Rebuilding Harlem Forum" at 7 p.m. For more info, call 212-491-2206.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

NEWARK—Reading training for new volunteer tutors will be held at The Newark Public Library from 6 to 8 p.m. For more info, call 973-625-4001.

NEW YORK, NY—Flowers Underfoot: Indian Carvings of the Mayan Era will be presented at the Metropolitan Museum of Art through Mar. 1st '98. For more info, call 212-570-9351.

WESTFIELD—An educational workshop, Working with Spiritual Concepts will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the offices of NCADD (Natl Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County). For more info, call 908-233-8810.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will present the English translation of Henrik Ibsen's "Ghosts," through Nov 23rd, in Margaret Williams Theatre of Heppburn Hall at 8 p.m. For more info, call 201-200-3426.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

CRANFORD—Dr. Robert Donahue, Harvard Astronomer, will discuss the connection between the sun and other stars at 8 p.m. in the Main Lecture Hall, Nomahegan Bldg. Of Union County College. For more info, call 908-709-7520.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

CRANFORD—Preparation for the GED examination is available in English and Spanish at Union County College. For more information, call (908) 709-7503.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The State Theatre presents a professional development workshop for teachers of grades 2-8, "One Production, Many Students, Little Time: A Guide for Teachers and Directors" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mason Gross School of the Arts. For more info, call 732-247-7200.

FREEHOLD—Monmouth County 4-H Teens sponsor a "National Hip Hop Collection Day" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension office. For more info, call 732-431-7253.

ROSELAND—The NJ Society of Certified Public Accountants will have an examination for scholarships which are offered annually to NJ high school seniors who intend to major in accounting in college. For more information, call (973) 226-4494 ext. 225.

MAHWAH—Ramapo College of NJ will have an open house at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-9-RAMAPO.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

CALDWELL—Caldwell College to host 63rd Annual Craft Fair in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info, call 973-228-4424.

WAYNE—Edmund Casarella sculpture on display at William Paterson University, in the Atrium from 3 to 5 p.m. For more info, call 973-720-2966.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

JERSEY CITY—A "Grant Writing Workshop" is sponsored by Jersey City State College in room 202 of Heppburn Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more info, call 201-200-2308.

JERSEY CITY—An exhibit of recent mass-media wall pieces and constructions, "from end to beginning," by Mary-Ellen Campbell of Jersey City, will be shown at the College in The Courtyard Gallery, through Dec. 19th. For more info, call 201-200-3426.

Parties and Galas at the Congressional Black Caucus



A Musical Squeeze
Song Stylist, Nancy Wilson, at left, and Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Chair, Maxine Waters share a hug during that group's 27th Annual Legislative Conference Awards Gala which was recently held at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Miss Wilson didn't skip a beat as she performed songs from her recently released 60th recording, *If I Had My Way*.



All Smiles
Grammy Award winning blues artist, Keb' Mo', at center, was the featured entertainer at *La Grand Affaire*. The Harlem Renaissance theme had partygoers rising to the occasion by sporting period attire reminiscent of the '20s and '30s, including leviathen gowns, feathered boas, zoot suits and canes. Joining Keb' Mo' are LeBaron Taylor, Sr., vice-president, Sony Music Entertainment and Kwesi Mfume, President, NAACP.

'United Way of Union County Week' proclaimed



Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla, at left, looks on as Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender, second from left, presents a resolution from The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, proclaiming the week of September 14-20 as "United Way of Union County Week." The resolution was presented to Dell Raudenbush, chief professional officer of the United Way of Union County, second from right, and Larry Lockhart, volunteer chairman of the 1997-98 United Way Charitable Campaign and a member of the United Way's Board, at right.

"Since it's incorporation in 1969, the United Way of Union County has been organized to provide voluntary human services to Union County's citizens in need," stated Union County Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender. "The United Way strives to accomplish this through 85-member agencies which provide health, welfare, recreation and character-building programs. Success depends largely on the assistance of volunteers and other concerned individuals."

Tanya Hall named Executive Director of Multicultural Congress

In September 1997, the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau was proud to announce the appointment of Tanya Hall, CHSE, as the new executive director of the MAC. Hall was no stranger to MAC having served on the board of directors of MAC for five years. She was most recently vice chair and directed the work of the hospitality sales managers committee.

For eight years, the Philadelphia Multicultural Affairs Congress (MAC) has been the nation's leading institution for multicultural travel and convention marketing. Cities around the country have initiated their own multicultural tourism initiatives modeled after Philadelphia's successful programs. As MAC looks toward 1998 and



beyond, resting on its considerable laurels is not the agenda. With a new director at the helm and new markets to conquer, MAC plans to continue to stay ahead of trends in the industry expanding its existing programming and developing new programs.

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140 Broadway

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75 Henry Street

MILLBURN:
24 Madison Avenue

NAVESINK:
Highway 36 and Valley Center

PLAINFIELD:
120 West Livingston Avenue

SCOTT PLAINS:
427 Park Avenue

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The Mall (Upper Level)
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NATIONAL

FIRST BLACK-OWNED WATER BOTTLING COMPANY OPENS

ATLANTA—Following the recent merger between the Nation of Islam (NOI) and Beco Company, the only black-owned water bottling company in the country has been established, says Kamal Muhammad, NOI's national secretary. The first bottling run took place on Oct. 30. Percy Jones, Jr. and Gene Lewis started the Beco Company five years ago. After struggling to get into major distribution markets, they approached Min. Farnham with the idea of forming a partnership to serve the Black community.

"The Million Man March sparked the motivation for this venture," said Jones. "Once Min. Farnham heard through our proposal, he was very straightforward and said we need to supply clean drinking water for our people," said Muhammad. Jones reassures that their bottling facility surpassed all standards set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), who inspects bottling plants on a regular basis to not only make sure bottled water is processed, packaged, shipped and stored in a safe and sanitary manner, but to also make sure that it is accurately labeled. At present, home and office delivery of Nation's Best is available only in the Atlanta area. Muhammad points out that it will take a "little growing time before we become a coast-to-coast distributor."

Future goals also include obtaining a fully automatic plant where juices can be pasteurized and other non-carbonated drinks can be produced. For more information call (770) 662-1230.

WRITER EXPLORES THE PLIGHT OF FATHERLESS GIRLS

WASHINGTON, DC—In her book "Motherless Daughter: The Legacy of Loss," Hope Edelman writes that "The loss of a mother is one of the most profound events that will occur in a woman's life and like a scar, it is an empty house, it echoes on and on." But what about the loss of a father? Is it not significant or profound in a young woman's life? The voices and needs of fatherless women are muted. Repeatedly we are denied knowledge about the irreparable link between a woman and her father, we are unable to comprehend the shadow a father's absence will cast on his daughter's path to womanhood.

At "Waterloo Happened to Daddy's Little Girl?" a book being published by One World/Ballantine and scheduled for release in 1999, Joanna Rose Baras explores her own fatherlessness and that of other African-American women, who saw their father leave because of death, divorce or abandonment. She wants to share your story. If you would like to share your experiences of fatherlessness with other Black women like yourself, please call or write 202-862-2838; P.O. Box 21232, Washington, D.C. 20009; email: JRBaras@aol.com.

INTERNATIONAL

GHANA'S ECONOMY NOT EXPORT-ORIENTED

ACCRA, GHANA (PANA)—The Ghanaian economy has failed to be export-oriented in spite of the dramatic improvement it has undergone since the introduction of the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP), a report has shown.

The 1996 study, conducted by the UN-based Centre for the Study of African Economies, noted that the improvement has not been translated into high rates of growth. It further pointed out that inflation was twice reduced to 10 percent but was not sustained.

It attributed the inability to sustain macroeconomic reform to weakness in the growth of exports. "Research on the manufacturing sector in Ghana shows that manufacturing firms have not moved substantially into exporting. Indeed, the evidence from the survey strongly suggests that the only sector which is export-oriented is the wood-processing sector," the document details.

It said the reasons why the growth of labor-intensive manufacturing has been so limited, is the subject of current research, with several possible answers coming up. The study also commented on the fall in real wages, saying that this resulted from the limited extent of investment in the manufacturing sector. "Unemployment is not growing, but workers are being absorbed into more labor-intensive industries at lower real wages," it concluded.



A Call to Arms:
Check Blood
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Study shows more black children rearing in poverty

By Herbert L. White

Special to the NNPA from The Charlotte Post

Nearly two-thirds of African-American children live in poverty, according to a report from the Children's Defense Fund (CDF). The report, "Rescuing the American Dream: Halting the Economic Freefall of Today's Young Families," showed that the median income of two-parent black families has fallen by 46 percent in the last 24 years.

In 1973 the average black family with children earned \$19,153. A generation later, the figure has fallen to \$10,380. This puts 64 percent of African-American children below the government's official poverty line of \$11,821 for a family of three.

The soaring poverty rates among young families who are playing by the

rules and working as hard as they can are shocking," said CDF president Marian Wright Edelman. "If the fruits of economic growth had been shared equally among all families over the last 20 years, then the typical young family with children would have seen its income rise by 15 percent instead of falling by 33 percent. Strengthening the economic future of young families with children will become a priority for every sector of society," she insisted.

The nose-dive in the median income for young families was limited to black families. While families saw their median income drop 22 percent while the Latino family's median income reflected a 28 percent decrease, the CDF report details.

In fact, it further documents that in every region of the country 30-49 percent of children in young families are now poor. Additionally, the poverty rate of children headed by full-time workers

has tripled since 1973. The study saw a continued correlation between parental age and the rate of poverty. The relative hourly wage of workers in their 20s is only 73 cents for every dollar earned by an older worker, down from 88 cents in 1973.

"These young families in particular have experienced dwindling rewards for their labor, resulting from shrinking wages and vanishing health benefits from employers," said the report's author Arthur Sherman.

Although grandparents are bearing more of a support role for younger generations, the number of children living with grandparents as well as their own parents has doubled since 1970, reaching 2.5 million in 1995, the last year data was available. The study's findings also confirm that without the benefit of this re-extended family, the majority of these young families who returned home (59 percent) would have been living

below the poverty line based on their incomes alone.

"All sectors of society will share the long-term cost of this early poverty," Sherman said. "The private economy, in particular, is likely to suffer substantial productivity losses reflected in lower quality of work, fewer goods and services produced and a loss of wages as children grow to become less educated, less effective workers as a result of the poverty they experienced while living in a struggling family."

Although divorce and single-parent families contribute to children living in poverty, their role is overstated, according to the report. Five out of six poor children who live in young families would still be poor if American's marriage rates were as high as 20 years ago, it said. Moreover, the report cites evidence that rising economic distress contributes to broken families.

Toricelli announces campus hate crime report

*Reporting will include women and disabled.

WASHINGTON, DC—There were 9,564 hate crimes in total reported to the FBI in 1995. New Jersey reported 965 hate crimes in 1995, up 42% since 1991, 71 were committed by juveniles.

In response, U.S. Senator Robert G. Torricelli, D-N.J., will introduce legislation to expand reporting of campus hate crimes to include all hate crimes, not just felonies, and to include reporting of crimes against women and the disabled.

Currently, colleges only report hate crimes that result in murder, rape, or aggravated assault, an estimated 1% of the hate crimes that actually occur each year. Torricelli's legislation would require colleges to report all hate crimes, including harassment, vandalism and simple assault.

Toricelli was joined at the news conference by representatives of the Anti-Defamation League, the Human Rights Campaign, National Organization of Women, and the Consortium for Developmental Disabilities Councils. He pointed out that parents and young people examining colleges have no way of knowing which campuses are truly safe under current law.

"The Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act of 1997, will provide students and their parents with the vital safety and hate crime information they need to make educated college choices. In addition, the requirement to report the full range of hate crimes will raise campus awareness and encourage colleges to develop prevention programs," Torricelli said.

A recent study by the Maryland Prejudice Institute reported that 25% of minority college students attending predominantly white colleges have been victims of a hate crime. In addition, there were at least 90 incidents of anti-Semitic activity on college campuses last year and there have been incidents reported of threatening anti-ethnic e-mails by a student to another group of students.

"College consumers have a right to know information that affects their choice of school just as they do when making other major purchases," Torricelli said. "This bill will help all parents make informed decisions about whether a college is truly safe."

Celebrate education week



Washington, D.C.—Deputy U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder recently participated in Teach For America Week, a nationwide event that called upon successful Americans from a variety of fields to spend one hour sharing their knowledge and experience with urban and rural public school students from October 20-24.

At the Tubman Elementary School in Washington, D.C., Holder talked to a group of sixth graders about the significance of the civil rights movement and how 11 enabled businesses and schools to become integrated. Students were also given the opportunity to air their feelings in a poignant discussion about stereotypes, including stereotypical views they felt existed in their mixed-race classroom.

Teach For America is a national teacher corps of outstanding recent college graduates who commit to teaching for two years in under-resourced urban and rural public schools. "I enjoyed the opportunity to teach students in my hometown," said Holder. "Children like the ones at Tubman need our attention and respect to make a life on the right path."

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Newark riots

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began to show signs of stress and conflict that would lead to the eventual rebellion. "The thing that caused the most intense and angry bout with the city was the medical school," he said. While the African-American community was in favor of what was to become the University for Medicine and Dentistry, they were not receptive to the idea of giving up so much land for the project—uprooting up to 10 percent of the population in the Central Ward.

Accompanying his discourse with slides of newspaper articles and photos from the period, he described the activities and tensions that led up to that evening of July 12, when he went to the Fourth Precinct to check on reports of the arrest and police beating of a cab driver with the ironically simple name of John Smith, and the possibility of trouble. Confronting the gathering crowd outside, Carvin was the first to have rocks, bottles and a Molotov cocktail tossed at him when he stood on a car and tried to explain the situation with the cab driver. "The police then charged into the crowd," he remembers, "and the riot really began."

Carvin cites this incident as a benchmark in the eras of both the black and white middle class from the city polarization between blacks and whites in the city who did stay, and the rise of black nationalism in the form of poet, playwright and activist LeRoi Jones—now called Amiri Baraka, and the right-wing vigilantism as personified by Anthony Imperiale.

"More than the average of \$12,000 lost to each business damaged in the rebellion," Carvin said. "The greater loss is the loss of lives and the loss of the city as a community."

Six other participants gave parallel and contrasting memories of what took place on those hot summer days between July 12 and 17. Conrad Lester, known around the city as "Connie," is a musician who played a variety of venues in the city when Newark was a mecca for black entertainment. He first encountered the riot as he and a fellow musician were on his way home from an engagement in New York. The police stopped his car and checked the trunk. Upon seeing all the musical equipment, the police said, "Now we got you," and took them straight to the station house.

James Nance was a decorated motorcycle police officer in 1967. As a policeman and a black man, he was appalled at the destruction in progress when he first reported for duty. "We had to stop these people," he remembers thinking. "They're ruining my city. Everything we've worked for all these years is being torn up by these people."

His feelings soon changed when he saw a friend of his—a teacher—standing with his hands on the back of his head and surrounded by white police officers with guns drawn and threatening to blow his head off if he opened his mouth. "From that point on, I became a militant."

That militancy led to his organizing the Federation of Afro-American Police Officers, and to observe the rise of The Committee for a Unified Newark along with other programs and organization that tried to heal relations within the black community.

Michael Griffinger and Paula Borenstein were two speakers with remembrances from a different perspective. Borenstein had graduated from Weequahic High School in 1967. Her parents were survivors of the Holocaust and members of left-wing organizations in their native Poland. After settling in Newark, her mother opened a tailor shop in a building she owned located on Hawthorne Avenue. It was saved from looting because of the tenants in the building to protect the store from looting. That incident turned her thoughts towards political radicalism. Seeing the rage of that summer, she said, "It was the first time that I saw poor people that angry."

Attorney Griffinger said that his memories were not as direct as some of the others, they were just as profound and have shaped his life from then until today. July 12 was his birthday and the arrest rate was beginning to rise. It was his job to go down to the jails and holding areas with several Newark Law School students to talk to those arrested to get them released. The stories he heard were, and the fact that he was in the line of a sniper's fire was "a profound experience. I learned a little about fear, and a little bit about martial law," he said.

Darryl Richardson and Emily Morgan both lived in public housing projects at the time of the uprising. They both told stories of National Guard troops shooting and threatening citizens, and incidents of looting. Emily, who was a freshman at Central High School, told of watching people getting shot down right in front of him. Morgan was a young mother about to wash her daughter's hair when her neighbor across the hall called her to her window. "Out on the street, I saw this long line of people moving furniture," she said. And they kept on moving furniture. I began to wonder, 'why are they moving all this furniture at night?'

Before the evening ended with comments from the audience, Jon Cowan, assistant professor of History at Rutgers, gave a detailed and thorough explanation about how Newark affects one's perception and shapes their future.

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American weekly, which he co-founded in 1944.



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Local Briefs

Holiday toy drive sponsored by two car dealerships

GREEN BROOK—A holiday toy drive for disadvantaged children of Union and Somerset Counties, "Presents from Partners," will continue through December 20. Presents from Partners is spearheaded by Saturn of Union, Saturn of Green Brook, community service organizations, and local labor unions of Somerset and Union Counties.

"Saturn came to us recently wanting to know how the retailers could partner with the Union community," said Ed Zamock, President of Union County Central Labor Council. "Given the Central Labor Council's focus, a toy drive seemed appropriate for this time of year."

The toys will be distributed through United Way of Union County, Camp Fatima, Baby Land, and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen Bridgewater Office. New unwrapped toys for children of all ages can be dropped at either Saturn of Union or Saturn of Green Brook during regular business hours. For more information, call the Green Brook dealership at 908-752-8383, or the Union dealership at 908-686-2810.

Playground construction underway in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH—Mayor Chris Bollwage and Councilman Tony Monteloro joined James Kellogg in cutting the ribbon on a new playground, not paid for by property taxpayers, at Kellogg Park in the Fifth Ward today.

"As a former Councilman of the Fifth Ward, I am pleased to announce the opening of a new playground here," Bollwage said, thanking Kellogg who made a generous donation toward the cost of the playground. Last month, the City also cut the ribbon on the newly refurbished Hollister Playground at Praise the Lord Plaza on Reid Street. The City made more than \$30,000 in renovations including the installation of two new basketball courts, and playground equipment.

NJN's legal affairs show, 'Due Process' wins two Mid-Atlantic Emmys

TRENTON—New Jersey Network's award-winning legal affairs show *Due Process* garnered two Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards as the Outstanding Public Affairs Series and Talk Program Series of 1997. The winners of the statutes were NJN Senior Correspondent Sandra King, who is the senior producer and managing editor of *Due Process*, attorney Raymond M. Brown, the show's host, Executive Producer and Director Jeff Friedman and Coordinating and Field Producer Henrietta S. Parker.

The awards, which are the highest measure of achievement in the television industry and are voted on by professionals nationwide, were presented at a gala ceremony on October 4 at the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia.

Due Process, which will premiere its third season in January on tough issues of legal and social justice each week. The program is funded by the New Jersey Bar Foundation and Lawyers' Diary and Manual. *Due Process* airs on Tuesday at 7 p.m. and is repeated Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Monmouth County 4-H sponsors "Big Help Collection Day" Nov. 22

FREEHOLD—Youth are an untapped resource for community service and their volunteer efforts can be of benefit to themselves as well as their communities. 4-H will provide the infrastructure to create a close connection between young people and community programs.

One of the ways to begin is to support the 4-H Teen Council's efforts to collect needed items for organizations in Monmouth County. 4-H teens, youth, families, community groups and friends can get involved by picking any of the following items to collect, then bring them to the 4-H office, 18 Court St., Freehold on Saturday, November 22, 1997. The teens will have large collection boxes in the upstairs meeting room of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension office of Monmouth County from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

"Help our youth to help others", Bring items to the Big Help Collection Day. If you need directions, please call the 4-H office at 732-431-7263.

Open house at College of Saint Elizabeth

MORRISTOWN—The College of Saint Elizabeth, located at 2 Convent Road, will hold an open house for new and transfer undergraduate students for the Women's College on Saturday, November 22, 1997, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In the College's Mahoney Library, The open house will include a financial aid workshop for parents and a career planning workshop for students. For more information, call 800-210-7900.

Emergency Services will offer 'A Place to Turn'

"The Renaissance of Newark has brought forth the revitalization of our urban communities," said Gail Thompson, President of the Board of Directors for Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (NESF). NESF is working to improve the lives of all Newark and Essex County residents by providing those in need with a "Place to Turn."

The non-profit social service agency that provides emergency services to Essex County residents recently announced its capital campaign kick-off for the renovation of its human services plaza.

"The human services plaza will feature a homeless drop-in center, medical suite, child care suite, classrooms, computer training rooms, and so much more," said Jeannette Page-Hawkins, Executive Director of the NESF. The

24,000 square foot building was made possible by a donation from the chairman of the board of Berger Hotel Corporation.

For the past two years, NESF has helped thousands of families and individuals," said Gustav Henningburg, president and CEO of Gustav Henningburg Associates and NESF Capital Campaign Chair. I believe in NESF's credo of helping others to help themselves.

A woman with great empathy for this cause, Award-winning singer, actress and philanthropist, Melba Moore, will be an Honorary Capital Campaign Chair and agency spokesperson.

It is important for families to know that NESF is a place to turn when they are in need." For more information, please contact NESF at 973-673-5727.

Nature and nostalgia meet in exhibition halls of Children's Specialized Hospital

MOUNTAINSIDE—Journey through some of the United States' most scenic National Parks, survey the architecture of the West and trace a family's history when photographers Larry Kerner and Susan Pader, and painter Liz Crelin, exhibit their artwork at Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) during November.

Larry Kerner of Chatham was introduced to nature at a young age by frequent hiking and camping trips. He quickly developed an appreciation for its beauty and respect for its preservation. His photographic images, both color and black and white, range from cloud capped canyons to tumbling mountain streams to the lighthouses of Maine.

For photographer Susan Pader of Union, the West brings to mind images of vast landscapes, untamed nature, big sky and grandeur with unlimited space. She captures these images on film and transports them to CSH with her exhibition *The West Of My Dreams*. This collection of thirty

color and black and white photographs, depicts subjects in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

Liz Crelin of Edison, an ambitious young artist who works in oil paint, traces the past forty years of her own family's history with portraits created from posed family members and old photographs. Fifteen paintings which include nostalgic images from the late fifties and sixties, and recent portraits of the artist's nieces and nephews will be featured at CSH. In this exhibition, Crelin demonstrates unusual creativity and attention to detail while portraying subjects near and dear to her heart.

The artists' works are offered for sale. A portion of the sale proceeds will benefit the hospital.

Children's Specialized Hospital's Art Exhibitions are open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., daily. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital, located at 150 New Providence Road, through the Ambulance Entry.

Future nurses receive academic accolades



Bloomfield College students, from left to right, Donna Jones, Norma Rogers-Nutting, and Alinka Fodest received \$500 scholarships from the Institute of Nursing.

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Candlelight vigil remembers domestic violence victims



Kathie Jeter, of Plainfield, in foreground, and Union County Freeholder Carol I. Cohen, at her immediate left, were among the approximately 100 people on the steps of the Union County Courthouse who participated in the third annual candlelight vigil to remember women who have died as the result of domestic violence. During the recent ceremony, Freeholder Cohen, liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women, presented a resolution to Catherine M. Alvaredo, Board President of the YWCA of Eastern Union County, which sponsored the event as part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In a recent survey done by Roper commissioned by the Liz Claiborne Inc.'s Women's Work campaign several attitudes and beliefs about domestic violence were discovered:

- Some 86 percent of men and 88 percent of women say it is the responsibility of men to try to prevent or stop others from abusing women.

- Some 77 percent of the American public describe domestic violence against women as one of the major problems facing our country.

- Men and women don't see eye-

to-eye on the scope of domestic violence; 85 percent of women consider it a major problem versus only 69 percent of men.

- Men are less certain than women about whether psychological control is considered abusive. Women are more likely than men (51 percent versus 33 percent) to say that they would definitely include "telling her what clothes she can or cannot wear" and "refusing to give her money when she asks for it or needs it" (37 percent versus 24 percent) in their definitions of domestic abuse.

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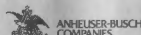
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Keep your kitchen safe



Keep Food Safe From Bacteria

Right now, there may be an invisible enemy ready to strike. He's called BAC (bacteria) and he can make people sick. In fact, even though consumers can't see BAC—or smell him, or feel him—he and millions more like him may already be invading food products, kitchen surfaces, knives and other utensils.

But consumers have the power to fight BAC, and to keep food safe from harmful bacteria. It's as easy as following these four simple steps:

- 1. Clean: Wash hands and surfaces often.** According to food safety experts, bacteria can spread through the kitchen and get on cutting boards, knives, sponges and counter tops. Using hot, soapy water to wash all surfaces, and especially your hands. Consider using plastic or other non-porous cutting boards, and paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces.
- 2. Separate: Don't Cross-contaminate.** Cross-contamination is how bacteria spreads from one food product to another. This is especially true for raw meat, poultry and seafood. Experts caution to keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods. Separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other food in the shopping cart, and store, and store these items on the bottom shelf on the refrigerator for juices don't drip onto other foods.
- 3. Cook: Cook to proper temperatures.** Food safety experts agree that foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness.
- 4. Chill: Refrigerate promptly.** Food safety experts advise consumers to refrigerate foods quickly because cold temperatures keep most harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying. So, public health officials recommend setting the refrigerator at 40 degrees above zero and the freezer unit at zero and occasionally checking these temperatures with an appliance thermometer. Never defrost or marinate food on the kitchen counter, and don't pack the refrigerator. Cool air must circulate to keep the food safe.

For specific food safety questions, consumers can contact these toll-free hotlines: USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline: 1-800-535-4555 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday with recorded messages. Available 24 hours a day. FDA's Food Information and Seafood Hotline: 1-800-332-4010.

How can you detect Alzheimer's disease?

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Dementia is a condition in which a person's mental abilities deteriorate so severely that it interferes with his/her's everyday social and occupational activities. An estimated five to 10 percent of the U.S. adult population ages 65 and older is affected by a dementing disorder—and the incidence doubles every five years among people in this age group.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia in the United States. It and related dementias affect at least two million, and possibly as many as four million, U.S. residents. But despite its prevalence, Alzheimer's disease often goes unrecognized or is misdiagnosed in its early stages.

The U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, has released guidelines to help patients, their families, and their doctors, recognize the early signs of Alzheimer's Disease, and

distinguish Alzheimer's—which is non-reversible—from other types of treatable dementias.

"Many health care professionals, as well as patients, their families and friends, mistakenly view the early symptoms of Alzheimer's disease as inevitable consequences of aging," said HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala. "I urge all physicians to become familiar with the guideline's findings and recommendations so patients will receive the best care possible."

According to the AHCPR guideline, increased difficulty with activities such as learning and retaining new information, handling complex tasks, reasoning, and spatial ability and orientation might be symptomatic of Alzheimer's Disease. If you notice any of these symptoms, you should go to your doctor immediately for a thorough clinical examination. Also, if you have a family history of dementia and/or Down Syndrome, you are at possible risk of developing Alzheimer's Disease.

Symptoms That Might

Indicate Dementia

Does the person have increased difficulty with any of the activities below?

- Learning and retaining new information. Is he/she more repetitive; have more trouble remembering recent conversations, events, appointments; more frequently misplace objects?
- Handling complex tasks. Does he/she have more trouble following a complex train of thought, performing tasks that require many steps such as balancing a checkbook or cooking a meal?
- Reasoning ability. Is he/she unable to respond with a reasonable plan to problems at work or home, such as knowing what to do if the bathroom flooded; show uncharacteristic disregard for rules of social conduct?
- Spatial ability and orientation. Does he/she have trouble driving, organizing objects around the house, finding his or her way around familiar places?
- Language. Does he/she have increasing difficulty with finding

the words to express what he or she wants to say and with following conversations?

• Behavior. For example: Does he/she appear more passive and less responsive; more irritable than usual; more suspicious than usual; misinterpret visual or auditory stimuli?

To receive an overview of the Alzheimer's Disease Clinical Practice Guideline, or a copy of the consumer booklet, "Early Detection of Alzheimer's Disease: A Guide for Patients and Families," call toll-free at 800-358-9295, or write AHCPR Publications Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 8547, Silver Spring, MD 20907-8547. The overview and consumer guide are also available on the Internet through AHCPR's Home Page. You can access the Alzheimer's Disease guideline and other AHCPR guidelines by using the Web browser, specifying URLhttp://www.ahrp.gov/guide and clicking on "Clinical Practice Guidelines Online."

Spotting signs of adolescent depression

PLAINFIELD—Fights with peers. Dropping grades. Irritable and moody. Withdrawn. Difficulty concentrating. Changes in eating and sleeping patterns. Inability to enjoy hobbies or interests.

Symptoms of psychiatric and emotional problems in children are often confused with defiance, shyness, hyperactivity or immaturity. If these signs and symptoms go unnoticed or are misinterpreted, they can worsen and have long-term effects. With help, however, children can learn how to express their thoughts and feelings more appropriately and develop healthier coping skills. In addition, family members can also develop the coping and communication skills necessary to help the child.

Signs & Symptoms

Parents or caregivers should be aware of the following symptoms of childhood depression:

- Persistent sadness;
- An inability to enjoy previously favorite activities
- Increased activity or irritability
- Frequent complaints of physical illnesses, such as headaches or stomach aches;
- Frequent absences in school or poor academic performance;
- Persistent boredom, low energy, poor concentration

Signs and symptoms often go unrecognized, either because they are unrecognized as being related depression or because the depressed is 'easy' to handle; quiet, unobtrusive and as a consequence, overlooked. Jackie Farnese, Ph.D., coordinator of Children's Services at Carner's South Plainfield Center for Counseling explains, "Teachers, as well as parents, tend to focus on the acting-out children because they require attention. As a result, depression in children is often missed."

Group offers hope to mothers

ELIZABETH, NJ—"Rita" suddenly found herself coming to grips with an abhorrent revelation: her daughter, 24, confided that she had been sexually abused by her father for many years. Although in her late 60s, the mother of three and grandmother of two decided to leave her husband and home and look for part-time employment and a place to live. She also had to work through the anger, devastation and confusion caused by her husband's incestuous relationship with their daughter.

Rita has been able to pick up the pieces by sharing her difficulties and concerns with other women who are mothers of victims of incest and sexual assault.

Thanks to the Department of Human Services' Union County Rape Crisis Center in Westfield (to which she was referred by her daughter, who has been a client), she and other mothers of victims meet weekly to talk about the shock, disbelief and myriad other issues caused by incest. They help one another deal with the division and mistrust that often results within families.

"Incest is not an issue that will go away, or that will be forgotten over time," said Freeholder Carol Cohen. "Incest has many victims beyond the family member who has fallen prey to sexual abuse. The consequences to the family need to be worked through. The support of other women familiar with the situation is very helpful. That is why this group is so crucial."

Jennifer Pruden, director of the Rape Crisis Center, noted that the group, led by a therapist, consists of mothers of many ages and with varying backgrounds who share similar tragedies.

"Some have had to deal with incest when their children were very young," she said. They may have had to cope with the stresses of having their children physically examined;

the child having to repeat the story to counselors; involvement with DYS and with the court system. Of all these stressful situations, the most difficult for the family is dealing with the perpetrator.

"This group provides a forum for mothers to openly and frankly discuss their worries, their fears and the pain and anger they feel. This is often a place where a mother can discuss these difficult issues and know she is sharing with women who have 'been there' themselves or are currently going through similar troubles."

Any mother of a survivor of incest or sexual assault is invited to call for further information about this or other groups at the center. The telephone number is 908-233-7273 (RAPE).

Brian K. Roper, M.D. joins Jersey Shore Medical Center

NEPTUNE, NJ—Brian K. Roper, M.D., has recently joined the Internal Medicine staff at Jersey Shore Medical Center. He will be joining the practice of Cardiology and Internal Medicine in Oakhurst and will be seeing patients at the Albany Park office. He received his medical degree from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Dr. Roper did both his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at St. Peter's Medical Center, New Jersey. Throughout his educational experience, Dr. Roper received many awards including: Retail Pharmacy Scholarship Award from Long Island University, New York, and the Chairman's Award for "Intern of the Year" at St. Peter's Medical Center.



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The Oculotex Autofocus Telescopic low vision device which has attracted national media attention is the first major improvement in years for non-surgical improvement of poor vision not correctable by regular glasses or by medical or surgical treatments.

Dr. Errol Rummel, Optometric Physician, Director of the Low Vision

Care Center, notes that even patients who are currently and successfully using a manual focus low vision telescopic device can benefit with the auto focus system. "It has a higher power with a wider field of vision with a more complete focus range from distance seeing about 12 inches than previous low vision devices."

"With this device, the very positive visual improvement of low vision patients is remarkable," said Dr. Rummel. "We are thrilled that we have the opportunity to be the first in the state to have it available for our patients."

Newark's Columbus Hospital gets full accreditation

NEWARK—Columbus Hospital in Newark has been fully accredited with commendation, as a result of our recent Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations survey. This recognition reflects the hospital's commitment to providing high quality care to our patients.

Accreditation with Commendation is the highest honor bestowed on an organization by the Joint Commission, the national accrediting body of health care organizations.

John G. Maglaro, President and CEO of Columbus Hospital said, "This designation was made possible through the joint efforts of our entire staff, as well as our friends and supporters."

Maglaro, continued, "Now that we have achieved such and honor, we are not going to stop here. This is an added incentive to continue to improve our services and to continuously strive to provide our patients with the best care possible. I am certain that with your support, we will be successful in our efforts."

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Maybe a baby: deciding to have or have not

By Susan Adams

If you become parents, you can say "Bye, bye" to calling the shots. So many things you now will be able to control—crying, wetting, spitting up but your personal problems will have to wait. Baby's desire to hang from your pierced earlobe or kiss Fido on the nose is showing an aspirin up his nose will demand immediate attention.

After receiving recognition as Wonder Parents, friends and relatives thunder past the hospital room on their way to the nursery, take the baby now and forever, is the main event. Just a few minutes after you, with that in mind, I offer a few questions for consideration when visiting your own blessed event start dancing in your head.

1. *I want to have a baby*
a. NOW
b. within 2 years.
c. within 3-4 years.
d. within 5-7 years.
e. within our lifetime.
f. never.
2. *A mother-to-be should quit work*
a. immediately after the doctor confirms pregnancy.
b. late pregnancy.
c. when she goes into labor.
3. *The duration of an average nap is*
a. 30 minutes.
b. 60-90 minutes.
c. different for each baby.
d. until I feel like getting up.
4. *Potty training should begin*
a. at 9-12 months.
b. at 12-18 months.
c. at 18-36 months.
d. when the child says, "I think I need to go to the bathroom now."
5. *The bottle should be relinquished*
a. at 6-9 months.
b. at 9-12 months.
c. at 12-18 months.
d. at 18-24 months.
e. when you find yourself drinking often and alone.

Setting a schedule (if you decide to have one) of your child (if you decide to have one) is a whole new idea! What you will be able to do is to monitor your baby's schedule so you can adjust your life to it.

I believed my year old needed a daily nap. (Okay, I believed I needed a daily nap.) My two-year-old did not share my opinion on either count. I need a magazine article gesturing I gently rub her back until slumber overcame her. If sleep was not forthcoming, I was to press ever so gently on Baby's little back to discourage her from arising from the crib. More accurately stated, to prevent her from escaping, purple-faced and shrieking, from her bed, her room, and her house. The article didn't warn of the maternal distress I would feel as I bellowed, "Hush, little baby, don't say a word, mama's gonna buy you a mockin' bird." I finally gave up, got caffeinated, and we bounced off the walls together.

Essence and Preferred Stock name 'What A Man' contest winner

NEW YORK—Timothy A. James of Los Angeles has been named the winner of the third annual ESSENCE and Preferred Stock cologne *What A Man!* Contest. In the January 1997 issue of ESSENCE, readers were asked to submit nominations for the special man in their lives who shows an exemplary commitment to his family, his community and his career. Out of ten finalists who were chosen from nearly 1,000 entries, Tim received the most votes from ESSENCE readers.

Preferred Stock has been the number-one mass-market fragrance for many years. It is for the man who understands sex appeal in his personal lifestyle and who is active, approachable and stylish. Tim James certainly exemplifies that man! As the winner, he will appear in a Preferred Stock cologne advertisement, which will be featured in the November 1997 issue of ESSENCE. He and his wife, Susie, will also receive a Preferred Stock and Sand & Sable gift package from Coty U.S., Inc., a three-day trip to New York City, \$500 in spending money and a complimentary subscription to ESSENCE magazine.

"It's like a dream come true," says Tim. "ESSENCE has been in our home for years. The ESSENCE and

Preferred Stock cologne *What A Man!* Contest shows the positive things African-American males are doing." His wife, who was encouraged by his sister to nominate him, describes Tim as an incredible husband with many talents who is involved in numerous activities.

"He is my steadfast fortress and my moonlight serenade," Susie said in her nominating essay. "The incredible man who fills my waking moments with poignant inspiration is the same man who strokes my forehead as I drift off to sleep. His calm, velvet tone and aesthetic imagination lend credence to the expression 'What a man!'"

At 41, Tim, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, is a multi-talented individual who divides his time between his career, his wife and children, a 17-year-old daughter, Chenille Touré, and an infant son, Torrey, and his love for music. He designs sets for stage and television and creates artwork for major popular TV sitcoms including NBC's "Wings," UPN's "Good Behavior" and the USA comedy "Clay A. Ryan." He also entertains audiences as a jazz singer, and his smooth voice and energetic renditions of classical jazz and soul make him a



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real crowd pleaser, and a crew member on the set. When he and his wife traveled to the south of France, he sat in on a couple of songs with a local band in Avignon and was invited to several more performance dates there and in Paris.

The hardworking Tim writes children's books and recently completed a series of three books teaching about colors, the alphabet and how to fulfill dreams. He hopes that they will be as

big a hit with the publisher as they have been with his son, who is the main character. Whenever he's available, he donates his art and time to exhibitions benefiting children. The majesty of his artwork is touchable and movable so kids can explore its textures and pliability and get a whole experience of art and a better understanding of how free one can be as an artist.

One of the first things to consider is the insulation. Improper insulation can lead to heat loss, frozen pipes and damage when ice begins to melt. Crawl spaces and attics should be insulated according to their size. Adding insulation can be done easily once a year to promote a smooth flow of water and prevent water build up. Heating tape placed around a gutter can help to prevent freezing.

The home owner should also look carefully at windows and door jams. Drafts are the leading cause of energy loss in a home. Windows should be double glazed windows and have strong seals. Wooden windows are often preferred by the main because metal transfers the cold into a home. It is also important to check the boiler or furnace for serviceability and make sure your thermostats are performing correctly. In addition, radiators and baseboards should be checked and underground sprinkler systems should be drained, before the winter sets. Home owners may consider contacting their utility company for an energy audit and recommendations on how to make their home more winter friendly. But don't wait until winter is here to investigate and make changes. It is best to do this in advance, before the cold really sets in.

Maintaining a winter ready home helps keep energy costs down," comments. A home that has been carefully weather proofed with proper insulation, tight, double glazed windows and attention to necessary repairs, will also bring a higher price when it comes time to sell."

How to become better organized and more productive

By Robert N. Taylor

The keys to becoming a better organized and more productive person are commitment, time, space and tools.

The simple fact of the matter is

that you are not going to achieve much if you do not commit yourself to change. In this regard a commitment is a promise you make to yourself. Fulfilling the commitment, you must face the reality that change takes time. Habits are difficult things to

break, but breaking old habits and replacing them with new ones is what you must do. Just remember that this process takes time so do not become frustrated if change does not occur overnight. Next, organization requires physical space - places to put the things being organized.

Now, to complete the process of becoming better organized and more productive, here are some other important steps you must take.

#1 - Set clear, specific goals! Indeed, if you do not have clearly stated goals you want to accomplish, there is no reason to become better organized. Without goals, it does not matter whether you are organized or not. Goals are the things which give purpose to life. Thus, your first step is to write down the goals you want to accomplish and set realistic deadlines for achieving them. Deadlines are important because goals without deadlines are just daydreams.

#2 - Devise A Preliminary & A More Refined Plan! To the same

Learn the vocabulary.

Everyone's familiar with gaily announcing that you've just been selected to receive a "Spectacular Luxury Dream Vacation Offer!" When you receive these kinds of offers, you're not receiving a FREE trip, but rather an opportunity to pay for a "luxury" trip that someone else planned—one that may not even match your idea of a dream vacation. Also, when you receive a "vacation watch for phrases such as "Subject to availability" and "Blackout periods." They infer either little chance of securing good rates or no opportunity whatsoever due to either holidays or peak travel season.

Watch out for "instant travel agent" offers. Companies offer to sell you identification that will guarantee you discounted rates, yet these companies have no control over discounts. Only travel suppliers, cruise lines, hotels, car rental companies or airlines - can decide to extend professional courtesies and to whom.

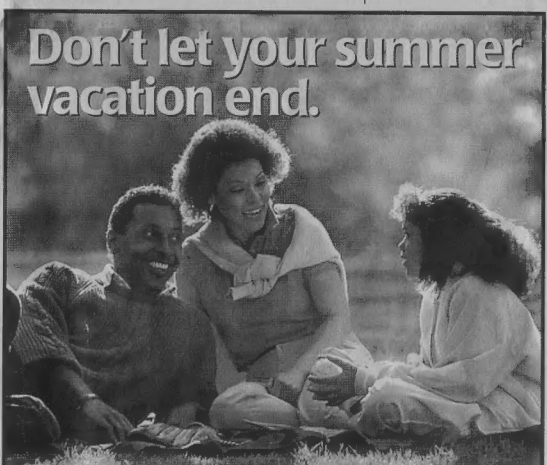
With remaining two minutes before turkey mixture. If turkey gets too brown while cooking, tent turkey breast with foil until done.

Saffron scented lemon rice
Yield: 6-1/2 cup servings
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, sliced
1/2 cup uncooked long grain rice
5 cups chicken broth
1/2 teaspoon saffron threads
1/4 1/4-inch thick lemon slices
1/2 cup EACH: chopped red bell pepper and onion
1 cup chopped pistachio-stuffed green olives
1/3 cup chopped parsley
1/4 cup silvered almonds, toasted
salt and pepper to taste

In a medium saucepan, heat two tablespoons of butter. Add rice and stir to coat. Cook two minutes before adding broth, saffron, and lemon slices. Heat to boiling. Cover and simmer until rice is tender and all of the liquid has been absorbed, about 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat remaining two tablespoons butter in medium skillet. Add onion and bell pepper and cook until tender, about two minutes. Add remaining ingredients to skillet and one minute longer. Stir all sautéed ingredients into cooked rice. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

*Mashed ground turmeric can be substituted for saffron.



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Spice up your holiday table

The holiday season brings to mind old-fashioned American favorites like turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes. But today's "American" cooking is just as likely to be a variety of globally-inspired foods and flavors, like portobello mushrooms, pine nuts, and fresh herbs that are now readily available on grocery store shelves.

Top chefs across the country are reinterpreting the "classics" with fresh, imaginative, and international flavors, often melding the cuisines of multiple cultures. Leading gourmet food magazines like Food & Wine and Gourmet have called simple international cuisine one of today's hottest food trends, and French and Italian foods continue their reign as America's favorites.

While many families still favor " tried-and-true" dishes, the holidays are the perfect time to spruce up seasonal standards with easy and delicious international accents. And our culinary tastes continue to broaden, influenced in part by "star" chefs' cookbooks and television cooking programs. It's also a wonderful time to make room for some new food favorites.

This holiday, add interesting new flavor by serving a Holiday Roasted Turkey with Lemon Rosemary Butter. "Dress up" your basic bird by tucking a delicious butter sauce made with garlic butter, cloves, lemon rind, rosemary leaves, and rosemary sprigs under the skin before roasting.

Instead of the plain bowl of rice

option like a Latin American-inspired Saffron Scented Lemon Rice.

"The holidays are the time of year when family and friends deserve the very best meals possible—and that means using the best quality ingredients," said Jose "Chef Pepin" Hernandez, popular television chef and personality. "Use only real butter in your family's recipes, because it's the unique ability to bring out all the flavors of our traditional holiday foods."

Roasted turkey with lemon rosemary butter:
Yield: 12 servings
• 12 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
• 2 teaspoons ground lemon rind
• 1 tablespoon fresh or bottled lemon juice
• 2 cloves garlic, minced
• 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary
leaves or 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
• 13 to 15 pound turkey
• salt and pepper
• meat thermometer

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a small bowl, combine butter, lemon rind and juice, garlic, and rosemary. Remove giblets, neck, and excess fat from turkey. Rubse with cold water; pat dry. Season cavity with salt and pepper.

With fingers, loosen breast skin, leaving skin attached. Spread about 1/2 of butter mixture over breast meat under skin. Rub about 2 tablespoons of butter mixture over entire turkey. Place turkey on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast turkey for about 3 to 3 1/2 hours until thermometer registers 180°F. To check temperature, insert thermometer into thickest part of thigh.

Billboard

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
PERRYVILLE, NJ—Huntelton Hills Playhouse presents "A Playhouse Christmas Musical Celebration" through Dec. 27th. For more info, call 908-730-8007.

NEW YORK, NY—Kriegerback Bar & Grill presents Steve Kuhn on piano, David Finck on bass and Billy & Drummond on drums. For more info, call 212-228-8490.

NEW YORK, NY—Manny's Car Wash presents Hiram Bullock with special guest, Will Lee for a night of power-house blues, rock and jazz. At 9:45 p.m. For more info, call 212-369-0789.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
NEWARK—NJ Symphony Orchestra presents "Romance and Juliet" 8 p.m. at NJPAC's Prudential Hall. For more info, call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The State Theatre presents "Sleeping Beauty" 8 p.m. For more info, call 732-246-7469.

NEW YORK, NY—Don Lozanga's Project Lo and Caryn Lin team up for a special concert at the Bottom Line at 8:30 p.m. For more info, call 212-228-6300.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
NEWARK—African Globe Theatre presents Tony Howarth's "A Silver Throne" through Nov. 30 at Newark Symphony Hall. For more info, call 973-824-1594.

NEWARK—NJ Family Time presents "All-State Jazz Concert" featuring up-and-coming teen musicians at the Van Nuys Theatre. For more info, call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

JERSEY CITY—Cali Jazz Series - Featuring live jazz music 8 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library (Cultural Arts Center). For more info, call 547-4595.

NEW YORK, NY—Manny's Car Wash presents "The Water Street Blues Band" at 9:30 p.m. For more info, call 212-369-0789.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
NEWARK—Urban Bush Women to perform at NJ Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. and Sunday, at 3 p.m. For more info, call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

PLAINFIELD—A free, Big Band Concert by The Plainfield Symphony, Paul Cohen, Soloist at Presbyterian Church. For more info, call 561-5140.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The State Theatre presents The NJ Symphony Orchestra Masterworks Concert at 8 p.m. For more info, call 732-246-7469.

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PURCHASE, NY—Annual Gala Benefit - A Black and White Masked Ball - featuring playwright Edward Albee and actress/singer Kitty Carlisle Hall, 7 p.m. at Purchase College. For more info, call 914-251-6100.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
JERSEY CITY—Thunderbird Native American Indian Dancers will perform 2 p.m. at the Five Corners Library (Auditorium). For more info, call 547-4505.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The State Theatre presents "Hans Brinker's Christmas" at 1 p.m. For more info, call 732-246-7469.

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NEW YORK, NY—Manny's Car Wash presents "Manny's Famous Blue Jam" Hosted by AAM recording artist, Todd Wolfe and special guests at 9:15 p.m. For more info, call 212-369-0789.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
NEW YORK—The Museum of Modern Art presents "Video Viewpoints: Wu Yunguang," a key figure in the video documentation movement of China, at 6 p.m. For more info, call 212-708-9400.

NEW YORK, NY—Manny's Car Wash presents "Ladies Night with The Bill Perry Band" at 8:30 p.m. For more info, call 212-369-0789.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
NEW BRUNSWICK—State Theatre presents The Pat Metheny Group at 8 p.m. For more info, call 732-246-7469.

NEW YORK—The Museum of Modern Art presents "Tansanman Rama, PL 1—The Old City, People's Republic of China," at 6:00 p.m. For more info, call 212-708-9400.

NEW YORK, NY—Manny's Car Wash presents "Slapshot Johnson and The Titans" at 9:30 p.m. For more info, call 212-369-0789.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
SOMERVILLE—A Judy Collins Christmas will be held at 8 p.m. For more info, call 508-253-6881.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
NEWARK—The first annual Masquerade Ball at NJPAC. For more info, call 973-824-9551.

TRENTON—Laser Nucleocore, a holiday treat, at NJ State Museum Planetarium through Jan. 4, 1998 Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. For more info, call 609-292-6494.

HIGHLAND PARK—Special Highland Park benefit dance to be held at the Highland Park Reformed Church from 8 to 11 p.m. For more info, call 908-240-1563.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
MONTCLAIR—Romero and Juliet will be performed at the Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-655-7689.

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Thanksgiving TV
 This Thanksgiving you can turn on the tube during those cooking, breaks and watch until after you're full and half falling asleep.

USA Network
 "Thanksgiving Movie Marathon" on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27:
 • Field of Dreams, 9-11 pm
 • Back to the Future II, 11-130 pm
 • Back to the Future III, 1:30-4 pm
 • Problem Child, 4-6 pm
 • Problem Child II, 6-8 pm
 • Coming to America, 5-10:30 pm
 • Planes, Trains & Automobiles, 10:30-12:30 am
 • National Lampoon's Vacation, 12:30-2:30 am

Concert

It's ladies night: Girls Choir Of Harlem debut at Lincoln Center

NEW YORK—On Sunday, November 23, 1997 at 7:00 p.m., Revlon will present the debut of The Girls Choir of Harlem, at Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center. The concert will feature the world premiere of Voices From The Light, a specially commissioned work by noted composer Dorothy Rudd Moore. The evening will also include classical, spiritual and gospel music selections conducted by Lorna Meyers, director of The Girls Choir of Harlem.

The Girls Choir of Harlem was created by Dr. Walter Turnbull, who founded the internationally renowned Boys Choir of Harlem Inc. in 1968. Turnbull started The Girls Choir of Harlem to transform the lives of young women through music, and to help them build self-esteem, find positive role models, experience the pleasures and rewards of artistic creativity, and to develop a strong value system.

"Many of the girls become interested in singing through participation in their church choir," says Dr. Turnbull. "We appreciate the support of our sponsors and delighted that they will help us launch The Girls Choir of Harlem in our great city."

The 55-member Girls Choir of Harlem, features more than 200 girls, ages 8-18. Members of the choir attend The Choir Academy of Harlem, a co-ed on-site school for grades 4-12. Students at the school receive a college preparatory education, including conservatory quality music education and counseling. Choir members are expected to maintain good grades and high behavioral standards, in addition to performing excellence.

The evening's repertoire will include such inspirational classics, by Robert Schumann for Women Voices, Statat Mater by Giovanni Pergolesi, King Jesus is a Listening. He's Got

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General admission tickets to The Girls Choir of Harlem debut performance are available at the Alice Tully Hall Box Office for \$35 and \$40. Group sales, patron, and benefactor tickets are available for \$ 100 and \$ 150, these include preferred seating and a reception. Sponsor tickets for \$75 provide prime seating. For reservation information, call 212-289-1815 ext. 167. For information, call 212-754-9191 Ext. 105.

The truth about my salary dispute

By Della Reese

After three years of some rather difficult shooting days of the series "Touch'd By An Angel," I decided that it was time to make working conditions part of my negotiation before the fourth season started.

Most of the conditions that I addressed affected the entire cast, and of course, the crew. They were:

• Too many 14 and 16 hour work days. Considering that we were going into our senior year of production, it was paramount that the conditions suffered through the last three years be corrected. Namely, proper scheduling, late script changes, were causing us to work as if this was a show in its first year of production. We could forgive emergencies causing this, but that was seldom the case.

• Too many unnecessary early calls. We could be called to the act and wait for hours in our trailers, before we worked. Again better scheduling would correct that.

• Because I'm a minister in Los Angeles, I needed to leave Salt Lake City, every Friday night at 10pm, in order to be my senior pastor (Scott) at 10:30 p.m. I had to get to my work on Friday, just complete my day so I could catch the last flight. I further requested that be allowed to return to Salt Lake City on Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. This gave me my weekend to prepare this sermon and take care of my church's business. (Since I had fallen, last February, 1997, while being picked up to go to the set, and needed to have one hour of message therapy each day for three weeks (only), the filming schedules were quickly changed to accommodate this. This showed that they could, with proper scheduling, end some of the excessive hours we had worked! Taking these points into the negotiations with CBS, we quickly came to an agreement, noting that only under dire circumstances would we have long hours. It was also agreed that as I had been contracted to write my autobiography by G.P. Putnam & Sons, that I would be allowed to do a brief book tour of one week. This accommodation is usually given other stars writing books, though quite often they would have two weeks.

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track record of hiring older lead actors, citing Bill Cosby and Dick Van Dyke. My response is that if either of these wonderful actors were in a top 10 show, I would gladly accept the salaries CBS would pay them.

It was brought to my attention that CBS says they stand on their record of using minorities in front of the camera. I applauded them as well as the entire television industry for this. But I don't consider this disrespect because I am Black, they knew I was Black when they hired me. This is "financial disrespect," where for some reason they find me less valuable by comparison.

Because of that press conference, many viewers have written to CBS asking them to be fair. That my value to them, as viewers, was strong enough for them to write has touched me greatly.

In similar situations, many television stars have threatened to walk off their shows. I can't walk off! I give my word, to God and CBS, that I would do the job I have tried to honor my word for the 60 years I've been a paid performer, and I can't change now. But what can be done? I had received requests from groups, large and small, to boycott the show. But that is not the thing to do! The real value of "Touch'd By An Angel" is the message of spirituality it gives to viewers each Sunday. The value is not in who owns the show or how they treat it.

Keep watching the show. Perhaps ask friends to watch the show. Perhaps then write to:

• If you are an individual, write to your local CBS affiliate and tell them to "simply be fair to Della."

• If you represent an organization then write to:

Mr. Leslie Moonves
 President, CBS Entertainment
 7800 Beverly Blvd.
 Los Angeles, CA 90036

Ask him to allow his network to follow the principles of fairness and generosity of spirit towards Della Reese, as expounded in the hit series "Touch'd By An Angel."



when more people take the principles of faith, love and generosity of spirit, perhaps when more people are aware of what's right and wrong, then perhaps, it will spread throughout the world...even to CBS.

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PLAINFIELD—Holy Tabernacle Ministries features question and answer classes every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All are welcome to come and hear The Supreme Grandmaster, Nany Malachi Zodoq York B. For more info, call 908-754-7796.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

SOMERSET—Quintessential Ministries Prayer Warriors presents a "Prayer-Thanking Assembly" at 2 p.m. For more info, call 908-754-5215 or 732-645-7992.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

BRIDGEWATER—Come celebrate "Men's Day" with Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church at 4 p.m. For more info, call 908-754-3539.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

PLAINFIELD—Rose of Sharon Church will hold a joint Thanksgiving Day Service at 4 p.m. at the church of Rev. Wyatt, Church of Living God. For more info, call 908-754-3539.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

PISCATAWAY—The Piscataway Chapter of Toastmasters International will have a meeting 7 p.m. at Christ Methodist Community Center. For more information, call 732-455-6876.

NEW YORK—HEBREW UNION COLLEGE presents, "Ascending the Mountain of the Lord: A Glimpse into the Solomon Temple." For more info, call 212-674-5330.

Autumn Angels Visit Ironbound Avenue

PLAINFIELD—Rustic Ironbound Avenue—a street where autumn leaves embellish the tree-lined area in the plexus of Indian summer's golden rays, was visited by the Holy Spirit. The occasion which recapitulated this visit was the stimulating and awe inspiring October service of the Quintessential Prayer Warriors prayer band.

Charismatic Evangelist, Dorothy Stevens-Smith, an unsung evangelist, who has been in the ministry for over forty years, addressed an audience of home grown, Godly appointed andointed men and women. Ushering in the presence of the Holy Spirit in the place where, "the nothing was so thick you couldn't cut through it with a hatchet", stated one guest.

A nationally traveled speaker and an

adent far east traveler, she often speaks of her deep feelings of Godly humility during her travels in the Holy Land. She challenges the Christians who live in this age to continue to "Seek, ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." (Mat 6:33), which was also her scripture for the 1990's through the 1990's.

"Her lifestyle and character serve as a basis for proper living," said Sister Joanne Ibrahim of Life Giving Ward in Debar, NJ, who was on board to introduce Evangelist Smith-Stevens. Smith's usual prophetic sermons are based on eye witness observation, proven by the Word of God in the Holy Bible and evidenced during the prayer brunch.

Speaking to the saints from II Kings



7:34, "Why stay here until we die? If we say we'll go into the city - the families are there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go..." Evangelist Stevens-Smith admonished those in attendance that it is "a time for movement and to keep going and to be out and about our Father's business". Quoting Mother Mary's Marshall of Purnell Temple C.O.G.I., Evangelist Smith reminded us that "prayer is the supernatural power of God" and that we should "pray without ceasing" in order to be able to fight dependency, and to keep from drying up and getting cold". The Prayer Warriors of the Quintessential Ministries are bound together by the understanding that we must exercise complicity, help the fallen to their feet, be a friend to the friendless and make empty lives complete. Uniquely Ironbound gripes of solid

Co-Founders son elected SCLC's Fourth president

ATLANTA—Martin Luther King III, who was born months after his father was chosen as the founding president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was unanimously elected president of the venerable civil rights organization Saturday by the voting delegates from across the nation at historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, where his father, Martin Luther King Jr., preached his first sermon.

King III, 40, a motivational speaker, former county commissioner and founder of an organization called Americans United for Affirmative Action, will succeed Dr. Joseph E. Lowery on Jan. 15, his slain father's 69th birthday. A co-founder who has directed the organization for half its existence, Lowery succeeded Dr. Ralph David Abernethy in 1977 and provided dynamic, consistent leadership that re-energized SCLC, which had struggled since King's assassination in 1968. Bringing back occasional flashes of the oratorical style and presence of his father, King, who said he was "honored and humbled" by the great

task before him, said he does not stand alone but "on the shoulders of two incredible parents. He also praised Lowery for having provided "tenacious and resilient leadership" for 20 years as president.

"I am calling on all who believe in one nation under God to come together and close the 'great divide,'" said King, who said he will spend much of the first quarter of 1998 doing a thorough organizational needs assessment. Pointing out that the median income of black Americans was 57 percent of white Americans in 1997 and only 59 percent today, King called on the SCLC and the nation to recommit to the dream of a colorblind society that his father gave his life for.

The nation's premier grass roots civil rights organization, the SCLC was born out of the 381-day King-directed Montgomery bus boycott that was triggered by Rosa Parks' refusal to give her seat to a white man. "Redeeming the Soul of America" is the motto of the organization, which will hold its 41st annual convention next year in the nation's capital, site of the Poor People's Campaign of 1968.

St. Luke's Laity Service gives recognition



LONG BRANCH—A Saint Luke's United Methodist Church, Long Branch, recognized Thomas Cleveland, third from right, for his dedicated and devoted service to his church and community at a Laity Service held recently. Pictured, left to right, are Peter Barfield, Council of Missions chairman, who presented the church's plaque, Austin Marsh, Men's Fellowship president, Housing Authority Commissioner Mary Lee Cimino, who presented a plaque for Checkmate, Inc., the county anti-poverty agency; Cleveland, the honoree; Democratic 11th Assembly District candidate Eugene LaVergne, who presented a United States Congressional Certificate of Recognition from Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr., and Rev. Hampton Williamson, pastor.

Jewish-Christian Relations Honored

MAHWAH—Two U.S. organizations that promote inter-religious understanding have honored the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, headed by Cardinal Edward John Cassidy, for its work in fostering better relations between Catholics and Jews.

The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding of Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut, and the Center for Inter-Religious Understanding at Ramapo College in Mahwah, New Jersey, cited the Pontifical Commission, founded in 1974, for its "excellent work" in promoting genuine dialogue between the two religious groups.

"We especially want to thank Cardinal Cassidy, who has helped us every step of the way," said Rabbi Joe Ehrenkrantz, an Orthodox rabbi who serves as director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding. "I personally hope this will continue for many, many years to come."

"We've moved forward considerably, but there is still much to do," the cardinal said, listing three major areas of concern: changing the collective conscience of Christians and Jews toward each other, healing the deep wounds and memories of the last centuries and moving toward common action and witness to be undertaken for the good of society and the well-being of mankind. He said it was especially important that future religious leaders be trained so that the historical "abysms" between the two groups, including dangerous myths, stereotypes and prejudices, "becomes a thing of the past."

Among those attending the dinner were Cardinal Edmund Szoka, former archbishop of Detroit, currently president of the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See, and Archbishop Jorge Mario Medina, Titular Archbishop of Apollonia, who serves as secretary of the College of Cardinals.

Cathedral Family Life Center holds grand opening



Bishop Donald Hillard, Sr. is the Senior Pastor of the Cathedral Second Baptist Church. He recently celebrated 45 years as head of this congregation in 1983 when he came to the church, membership was 125. Today it is 4,500. With him the church's associate minister, and his wife Minister Phyllis Hillard.

PERTH AMBOY—Continuing its four-fold mission of Evangelism, Education, Empowerment, and Empowerment, The Cathedral Second Baptist Church, Perth Amboy invites all to attend a weekend celebrating the grand opening of The Cathedral Family Life Center and the Timothy House.

• Friday, November 21—"Saints In Prayer Concert" 8 p.m.
• Saturday, November 22—Gala Benefit Reception: 5 p.m. A fundraising event. Call 732-826-5293 for more information.

• Sunday, November 23—Dedication and Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of Cathedral Family Life

Center and Timothy House. The Cathedral Family Life Center is a four story building housing the Harambee House (Youth and Teen Center), the Grand Banquet Hall, the Media and Computer Learning Center, the Cathedral Health and Fitness Center, the Inner City Creative Arts Center, and administrative offices. The Cathedral

Family Life Center has undergone massive renovations. At one time the edifice was the historic Elks Lodge. Second Baptist Church purchased the building in 1993 following the purchase of the old Majestic Theater that was renovated into The Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. Call 732-826-5293 for information.

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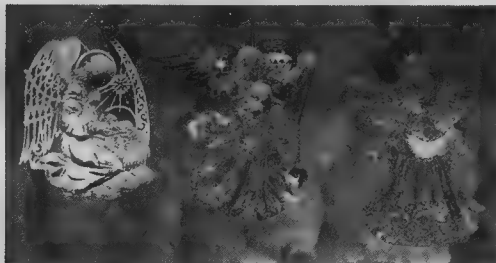
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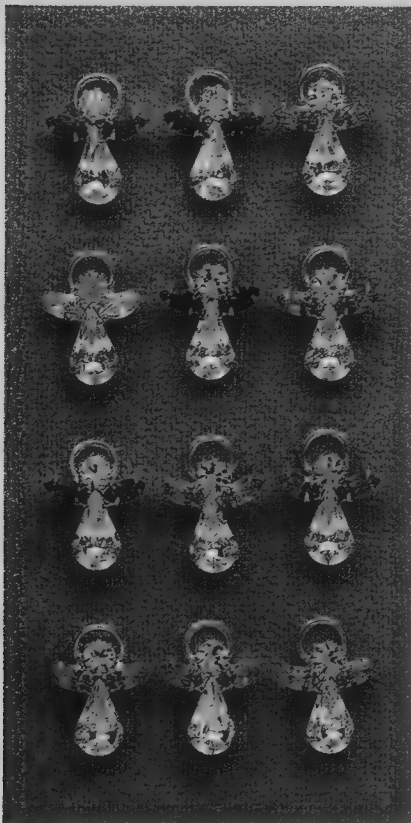
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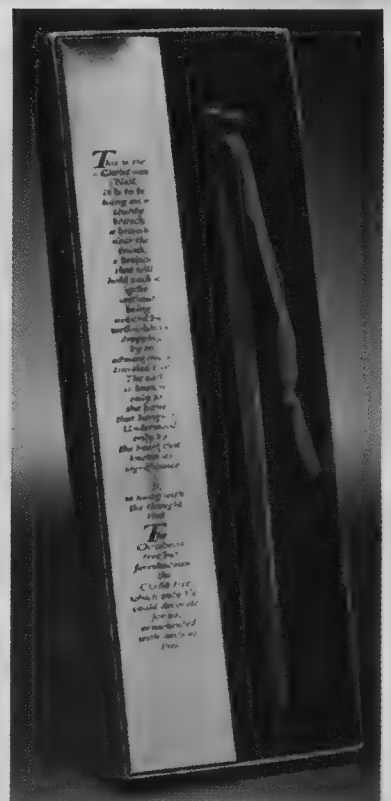
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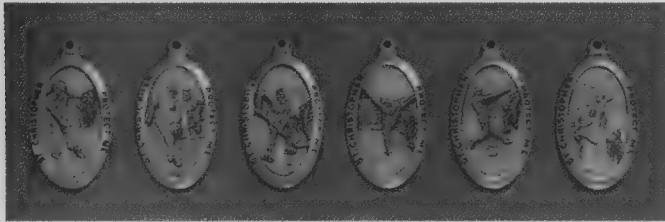
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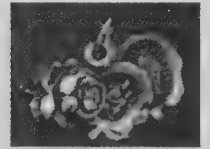
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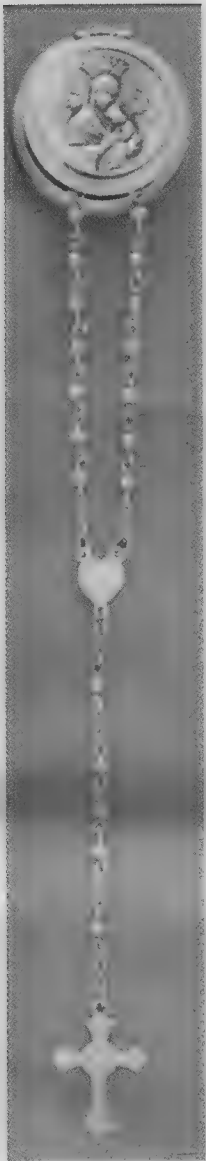


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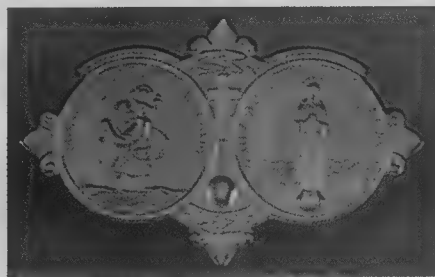
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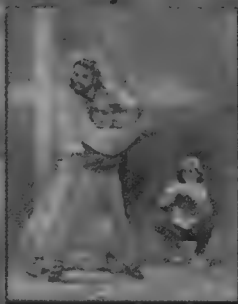
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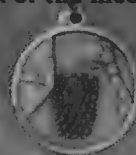
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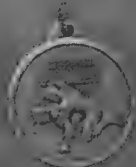
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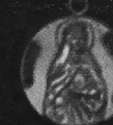


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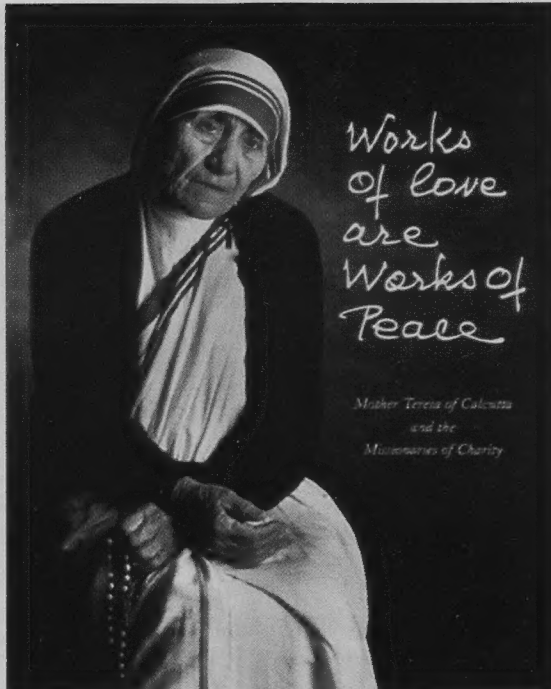
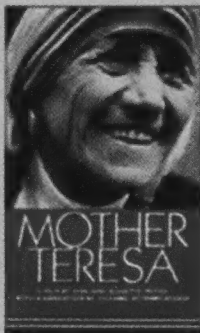
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